



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 1996

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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ILLINOIS, Northwest

ILZ001>002-007-009- Jo Daviess - Stephenson - Carroll - Whiteside - Rock Island - Henry - Bureau - Putnam - Mercer - Henderson - Warren -
015>018-024>026-034>035 Hancock - McDonough

01 0000CST 0 0 Extreme Cold
04 1200CST

After January Winter Storms on the 19th and the 26th, a blanket of snow lay across much of the area. A re-enforcing shot of cold air pushed over the area on the 30th of January and remained over the area through the 4th of February. All time record low temperatures occurred at many locations during a 6 day period. Record lows ranged from -25 to -32 for 2 to 3 nights with highs reaching only the -10 to -15 degree range during the day.

The extreme cold also caused insulator failures that left thousands without power. The crew would restore power in one area only to have another failure elsewhere.

In the Quad City area 1 man nearly lost his fingers due to exposure while he changed a tire on his car. A homeless man lost toes due to frostbite after sleeping outside under a bridge. Other homeless persons were using busses to stay inside and warm.

Henry County									
Colona	26	1620CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Henry County									
Cambridge	26	1645CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Henry County									
5 S Cambridge	26	1700CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Henry County									
Orion	26	1900CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Whiteside County									
Prophetstown	26	1943CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)

Scattered severe thunderstorms developed along a warm front across northern Illinois. Reports of small hail occurred with many thunderstorms with the largest (golf ball size) and most numerous reports over Henry county IL.

IOWA, East Central and Southeast

IAZ040>042-051>054- Buchanan - Delaware - Dubuque - Benton - Linn - Jones - Jackson - Iowa - Johnson - Cedar - Clinton - Muscatine - Scott -
063>068-076>078- Keokuk - Washington - Louisa - Jefferson - Henry - Des Moines - Van Buren - Lee
087>089-098>099

01 0000CST 0 0 Extreme Cold
04 1200CST

After major Winter Storms on the 19th and the 26th, a blanket of thick snow lay across the area. A re-enforcing shot of cold air pushed over the area on the 30th and took temperatures below zero through the first few days of February. All time record low temperatures occurred at many locations during a 6 day period. Record lows ranged from -25 to -32 for 2 to 3 nights, with highs reaching only -10 to -15 degrees during the day for 2 to 3 days.

Waine Kirby, president of the Iowa Sheep Industry and Chairman of the Iowa Sheep Advisory Board said: "this has been the toughest lambing season he has been through." Due to the extreme cold temperatures trade at the livestock shows was very light and a meat packing plant had to bring in 6,000 hogs to continue production.

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Lee County

5 SW Ft Madison

27

0029CST

0

0

Hail (1.50)

Several severe thunderstorms occurred late on the 26th across Illinois. The thunderstorms all developed on a warm front which stretched from northern Illinois across southern Iowa. A few strong thunderstorms developed along the warm front in Iowa just after midnight; however, the only severe report received was in Lee county near the Mississippi.

WISCONSIN

Grant County

Lancaster

26

1730CST

0

0

Hail (0.75)